



# Morning Highlights

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Morning Highlights 2009-19  
Time: 11:00 a.m.

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## Wildland Fire Update

Most of Alaska received precipitation and cooler temperatures. Fire activity was down across the state.

Four fires are staffed statewide:

Twentytwo Mile Slough	8 personnel	43 acres	demob scheduled 6/25/09
Blind River	27 personnel	118 acres	demob scheduled 6/25/09
Nenana Ridge	67 personnel	25 acres	
Winter Trail	122 personnel	2,309 acres	

A map of fire locations may be found at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>.

So far this year, 306 fires have burned 294,680 acres statewide. For information about individual fires visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

## Weather Update

Alaska received widespread precipitation Wednesday and only about 550 lightning strikes. There were over 2,500 lightning strikes recorded on Tuesday.

Weather conditions statewide have moderated fire activity, especially in areas of heavy rainfall, but lightning-caused fires continue to start. This is the time of year to be extra vigilant about preparing your home and property for wildland fire. If you haven't already done so, clear dead grass and leaves away from your home and remove roof debris. Enclose openings that provide entry for blowing embers. You should also consider clearing out vegetation on the ground, around the perimeter of your home site, and removing the bottom limbs of spruce. For more information, visit:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/admin/awfcg/D.%20Brochures%20and%20Educational%20Materials/Firewise%20Alaska.pdf>

## Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildla>

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- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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